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Serial No.: 09/311,428

Examiner: Lisa Cook

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Group Art Unit: 1641

For: METHODS FOR DETECTING TROPHOBLAST MALIGNANCY BY hCG ASSAY

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

X Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

 a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.

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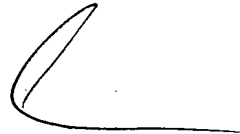
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